10.16.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

## **COVID -19 Update:**

We are happy to report that no other cases of COVID-19 have been identified since our last update. We continue to have two active team member cases of COVID-19. We will continue with frequent outbreak testing for all members and staff as directed by CMS and public health.

## **Now Reopening for Visits:**

Because no other cases have been identified at this time, we are able to reopen for family and friend visits starting immediately.

## **Requirements for Visits:**

Per the CDC, everyone living in areas of "high" or "substantial" levels of community transmission must wear masks in public regardless of vaccination status. Currently, Chippewa County continues to have a HIGH community transmission rate.

- Therefore, masks ARE REQUIRED when on-site at the Veterans Home, regardless of vaccination status.
- Please also help the member put on a mask when you are visiting to provide additional protection for everyone involved in the visit.
- Sanitize your hands when you arrive.
- Stay at least 6' away from the member to ensure safety.
  - 2 Guests may visit each member at a time. Please coordinate your visits with other family/friends.

A full list of visitor expectations is available at the front desk when you check in for your visit. Please review to ensure member safety.

As we know more, emails and phone calls will go out again. See below for information about our Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan, as well as information about our active and cumulative COVID cases.

Please call 715-720-6775 or email <u>veterans.home-cf@dva.wi.gov</u> if you have further questions.

Thank you,

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